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**Cc:** Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Foster, Althea[Foster.Althea@epa.gov]; Fitz-James, Schatzi[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]  
**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Wed 9/23/2015 8:53:01 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Q&A on Winter Treatment

Thanks, Shahid. David, please address and send an updated version.

Thank you everybody!!!

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**From:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:51 PM  
**To:** StClair, Christie; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Stalcup, Dana; Foster, Althea; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** RE: Q&A on Winter Treatment

I am attaching my marked up version. We need to be careful on how we answer the questions on how effective the treatment plant will be and the NPDES requirements. Is the 85% treatment cleaner than background in Cement Creek. If yes, we may want to make that point. Also, I am not in the removal program but wasn't there some provision in the NCP that says something about exigencies of the situation??? Thanks!

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Stalcup, Dana; Foster, Althea; Mahmud, Shahid; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** Re: Q&A on Winter Treatment

Looping David who can probably update the language accordingly.

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**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:23 PM  
**To:** StClair, Christie  
**Cc:** Stalcup, Dana; Foster, Althea; Mahmud, Shahid; Fitz-James, Schatzi  
**Subject:** Re: Q&A on Winter Treatment

There are concerns about the permitting response. I would rather say something like - to avoid delays in responding to the release of hazardous substances, CERCLA does not require permits for Superfund response actions. As to why we are treating the discharge, can't we be more forthright and say to reduce the heavy metal pollutants from the mine water discharge. And I could anticipate a question on why we aren't treating the discharge from other nearby mines as long as we are standing up a treatment plant. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2015, at 3:08 PM, "StClair, Christie" <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Althea, Dana and Randy,

I'd like to use these Q&As to respond to media inquiries on the wastewater treatment plant.

Release will send at 3:30 eastern.

Could you take a look at David's draft and redline any changes you would like made?

Thanks,

Christie

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**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 3:02 PM  
**To:** StClair, Christie; Purchia, Liz  
**Subject:** Q&A on Winter Treatment

Christie and Liz,

Here is a draft Q&A that was developed by David Ostrander on the winter treatment. IT HAS NOT BEEN VETTED BY INCIDENT COMMAND OR ANYONE AT HQ, so it is probably not ready to share yet more broadly. Let me know how you'd like to proceed with it.

Shaun

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